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300 WOMEN BACK BOARD FOR FOOD COUNCIL TO GET PRICES IN CAPE GOOD GAS SERVICE COUNTY NAMED

Mrs. Martin Presides At A
Mass Meeting Held At
Courthouse

HOUSEWIVES TELL OF
TROUBLES WITH GAS

Pass Resolution Denouncing Ser-
vice And Supporting City
Against Utilities Co.

After discussing the gas situation from all angles at a mass meeting at the court house park yesterday evening, several hundred housewives of this city resolved to support the City Council in its efforts to compel the Missouri Public Utilities Company to comply with its franchise and give the city the service that is sanitary and can be demanded under the terms of the franchise.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. W. W. Martin, who explained the purpose of the gathering and outlined the reasons for calling the protest meeting. Following the address of Mrs. Martin a number of housewives arose to relate their experience during the past six months, and all were unanimous that something would have to be done to get better gas service.

Mrs. Martin outlined the situation from several points. She told of the uncertainty of the gas service at the present. At no time in the morning she said, when the housewife in this city began to prepare breakfast, could she tell whether she could finish her work. Often, she said she had experienced that she had to leave the breakfast undone.

The obnoxious odor issuing from the gas she said was unsanitary and injurious to the health. At times she said the gas was so bad that it could not be used even though a full stream was forced through the pipes.

"If the present situation," Mrs. Martin said, "was due to the shortage of labor, then the women can step in and easily relieve the condition. Everywhere the women were taking the places of men who had been called to the army, and no doubt the women of this city could replace some of the men formerly employed by the gas company. I am satisfied," she emphasized, "that the women workers could give the city just as good service as we have received during the past six months."

"On the other hand, should the present situation be caused by the inadequacy of rates, then let the rates be raised, provided this will insure better service. The cost of everything has increased to such an extent that prices had to be raised in order to supply what is needed for daily use, and if the present rates for gas are not sufficiently high to permit the Missouri Public Utilities Company to give us good service, then let us tell the Public Service Commission that an increase of rates is justified."

"We have a right to look after our own interest in this matter of our health. If the Missouri Public Utilities Company wants to be fair with the people, then it should open its books to the city officers, to the Public Service Commission and other officers of authority to prove that the present rates are not sufficient to permit the company to give good service without operating with a loss."

"If everything fails, and if all our good will shows no results, she said, then we have a last resort, a boycott. We can abandon the gas stove and go back to the coal oil, gasoline stoves or coal ranges and ignore the gas company. But we do not want such extreme measures. We want to be friendly with the utilities company, provided its officers meet us with the same spirit. If the men had to suffer the same inconvenience as are forced upon us housewives by the poor gas, I believe the situation would have been improved long ago."

A number of women then arose to tell of their experience in the use of gas during the last six months. Mrs.

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Dr. Dearmont Heads New
Organization For Food
Conservation

WILL MEET EACH WEEK
TO ANNOUNCE PRICES

Cape And Jackson Grocers Made
Members Of The New
Board

A Fair Price Board has been organized for Cape Girardeau County to fix the prices for all staple groceries used in every household. Dr. W. S. Dearmont, president of the Normal, and food administrator of the county, temporarily heads the board, which will be permanently organized for the duration of the war at a meeting next Monday afternoon when the first price list will be issued by the new board.

The board is composed of the leading wholesale and retail merchants of this city and in Jackson. They are: George L. Meyer, president of the Meyer-Albert Grocer Co., C. W. Stehr owner of the Stehr Mercantile Co., H. R. Willer, a retail grocer on West Broadway, Henry Nussbaum, who initiated the cash and carry system in this city, Emil Teichman, owner of the Boston Grocery, Guy Miltenberger, of Jackson, and H. S. Moore.

The board will meet every Monday to fix the fair prices for all groceries. These lists will be published by the board in order that the consumers know the weekly variance of prices for groceries.

The fair price board was formed at the suggestion of Dr. Dearmont, who has been county food administrator since the creation of the national food administration last year. Every county and every large city in the United States will have such a board to control the prices of food stuffs for the purposes of preventing profiteering from the sale of food.

The large cities of the county have been regulated by the fair price board for some time. The merchants in smaller cities may regulate their prices in accordance with the standard fixed by these boards, but conditions have arisen that warranted the appointment of price boards for each county.

Both the wholesale and the retail trade will be represented on the board in order to determine what might be considered a fair price for all food-stuff brought on the market.

The following food articles will be affected by the regulations of the Fair Price Board: Flour, corn, cornmeal, corn grit, dried fruit, sugar, butter, lard, meats, in fact every kind of food that is used in the kitchen.

RED STAR HAS ROAD BOND MEET TONIGHT

M. E. Leming To Address Resi-
dents Of Suburb On Good
Roads

The taxpayers of the Red Star Addition will hold a meeting tonight to discuss the proposed bond issue to build bridges and improve the roads in this township. The meeting will be held in the Methodist church on North Main street.

M. E. Leming, chairman of the Cape Girardeau Township Highway Commission, has been invited to appear before the meeting and explain the proposed bond issue. He has agreed to address the meeting. Residents of the Red Star Addition have appealed to Mr. Leming for aid in repairing the roads and bridges in that section of the township, but as all of the available funds have been used to build temporary bridges over the drainage ditches, no improvement can be made in the Red Star Addition unless the bond issue carries.

Shake Well Before Taking



U.S. TO BUILD UP BIG RESERVE OF WHEAT

Dr. Dearmont Predicts Wheat
Crop Will Not Take Off Food
Restrictions

A relaxation of the food regulations by the national food administration is not likely despite the prospect of a big wheat crop in all wheat-growing states of the country. This was the prediction made yesterday by Dr. W. S. Dearmont, county food administrator.

Dr. Dearmont declared that in his opinion the food administration would build up a reserve of wheat supply this year to balance a possible crop failure next year or at some other future date.

At the present, he said, there was little or no wheat supply in reserve, and to relax the restrictions on the use of wheat and wheat flour in view of an abundant wheat yield in the country, would be unwise as the next year might see a failure of wheat.

It has been the general belief that with the harvesting of this year's crop, the food administration would revoke some of the restrictions placed on the use of wheat, said Dr. Dearmont, but this is very unlikely.

The wheat crop of this year, he declared, was not yet available at this time for the general use, and besides the demand on the United States by her allies for wheat was increasing with the increased number of soldiers that are being sent to France and are in training in the various camps of the country.

The food demonstrations given under the direction of the government, he said, have taught the housewives the way of using substitutes heretofore disliked by many, instead of wheat and its products, and for that reason the food administration would likely continue to urge the use of these substitutes that have become a favorite food in so many homes since the beginning of the war.

MARBLE HILL KAISER ADMIRER KILLS SELF

Commits Suicide In Jail, While
Awaiting Trial On
Disloyalty.

Marble Hill, Mo., June 20.—Charles Oswald, aged 74, who lived alone five miles from Marble Hill, and who was being held in jail awaiting hearing before the federal authorities, committed suicide last night.

He had made seditious remarks against the government, President Wilson, Congress and the American soldiers.

When arrested he had in his home pictures of the kaiser. Under command he had saluted the flag when brought to Marble Hill by Sheriff Enoch Underwood one week ago.

WILSON EAVES IS SUED FOR DIVORCE

Charged With Deserting His Wife
And Children—Recently Re-
turned From Army

Wilson Eaves, whose domestic troubles have been aired in the justice of the peace courts in this city on various occasions, is now being sued for a divorce by his wife, Mrs. Ida Eaves, from whom he has been separated since last February. The petition was filed in the Common Pleas Court yesterday afternoon by Harry E. Alexander, attorney for Mrs. Eaves.

The couple have two children, a girl five years old, and a son two years old. Another boy was fatally burned a year ago, while playing in the back yard with his sister and brother.

According to the petition Eaves failed to support his family, compelling his wife to seek employment in order to make a livelihood for herself and children.

Eaves was drafted a few months ago and sent to the training camp. He had been placed in a deferred class but when he left his family the local board advanced him to Class One A. He did not remain in camp but a short time and was sent back home on account of physical disability.

Eaves has been arrested repeatedly on charges of non-support by his wife. He was given a jail sentence, but did not serve the sentence imposed upon him by the judge.

TELLS OF GERMAN INTRIGUE IN U. S.

Prof. Sperry, Of Syracuse University, Holds Lectures At
Normal Here

A series of lectures on the German intrigue in the United States, together with documentary material in the possession of the Department of Justice, was started at the Normal yesterday afternoon by Prof. Earl E. Sperry of the University of Syracuse. He told of the annexationist sentiment of the German government and the political philosophy underlying its conduct before and after the beginning of the war.

Another lecture on this subject will be given this morning at the Normal at 10 o'clock and again Saturday morning at the same hour. Prof. Sperry will tell of his personal experience in gathering proof of the intrigue and conspiring plots of the German government.

Mr. Sperry is Professor of History and librarian at the Syracuse University. He received his education at American universities and then spent one year studying French in France.

WILL ENDORSE WAR ESSAY ON MISSOURI

Prizes To Be Fixed At Meeting
Of Defense Council Here
Next Month

Jefferson City, Mo., June 20.—When the State Council of Defense meets at Cape Girardeau, July 12, it will endorse the proposition of the Missouri Historical Society for an essay contest in which it is proposed to give prizes as follows:

Five \$100 war savings certificates for the best five articles on "Missouri and the War."

Three \$100 war savings certificates for the best three articles on St. Louis and the War."

Three \$100 war savings certificates for the best three articles on "Kansas City and the War."

One \$100 war savings certificate for the best article on the "University of Missouri and the War."

The Missouri Historical Society asks that the Missouri Council of Defense offer the three certificates for the best article on "My Country and the War."

GRACE LUSK TAKEN TO PRISON IN AUTOMOBILE

Waukegan, Wis., June 20.—The gray walls of the Wisconsin State Prison today closed behind Grace Lusk, slayer of Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts, wife of Dr. David Roberts, former state veterinarian.

"This is the end of all things for me," said the former school mistress, who more than a year ago killed the wife of the man she loved and then sought to take her own life. Miss Lusk was sentenced to nineteen years imprisonment for murder in the second degree.

The convicted woman was brought to the prison from Waukegan in an automobile.

and Germany.

During the past year he was employed by the United States government to prepare a brief history of German plots and intrigue in the United States and was accordingly given access to all the material on this subject in the archives of the various government departments.

His investigation of German plots to undermine national sentiment in the United States caused him to be summoned by the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate to give information concerning the German organization here engaged in that work. He has written a pamphlet on this subject which was published by the National Security League.

ITALIANS TRAP ENEMY ON PIAVE TAKE OVER 1,500

Vienna Claims Italian Counter Attacks Were Failure, While Austrians Continued To Make Gains On Piave River.

DEMAND FOR EARLY PEACE IN GERMANY IS GROWING

Riots Reported From Austria And Germany --- American Troops Make Advance Of Mile On German Positions.

Rome, June 20.—The Austrians have been forced to withdraw toward the eastern salient on Montello as a result of the counter attacks of the Italian forces, who captured nearly 1,500 prisoners in this sector of the battle lines.

North of the Belluna railway the fight is continuing with bitterness. French troops took enemy positions at Bertigo and Pennar, capturing several hundred prisoners. Around Monte Castolungo the French were also successful taking more than 100 prisoners.

Vienna, June 20.—All efforts of the Italians to take the new positions obtained by the Austrian troops failed, six heavy assaults being beaten off by the Austrians. At certain points in the Montello region the Italians advanced slightly, but were driven back. Because of the heavy losses the enemy was forced to call in the reserves. Along the Fossetta canal the Italians were pushed back to a point south of the Treviso railroad likely.

London, June 20.—An unusual phase of the Austrian offensive is the capture of 9,000 prisoners, announced by the Italian war office. This is regarded as novel in defensive fighting.

"There is nothing new to report," the German war office announced late Wednesday evening.

WAR STAMP CONTEST WILL BEGIN TODAY

Council Of Defense To Award
Thrift Stamps For Best
Rhymes

A thrift rhyme contest will be held in connection with the national Thrift Stamp Day, June 28, under the auspices of the Council of Defense. Rhymes with contents touching on the Thrift Stamps will be accepted by the Council of Defense and judged as to their poetical value.

The contestants have been divided into four classes as follows:

First class—Children up to the fourth grade.

Second class—Children from the fourth to the eighth grade.

Third class—Students of the high school.

Fourth class—Graduates of the high school under 18 years of age, and all those over 18 years not attending high school.

Three prizes, consisting of Thrift Stamps, will be awarded to those who are named the winners in the contest. Any number of rhymes may be contributed by any contestant, but no rhymes must be longer than four lines.

The contest begins today and will be continued till June 25. All rhymes must be in before four o'clock on the closing day. The name, address and age of the contestant must accompany the rhymes entered in the contest. The grade of the contestant must also be given. Those who are attending a school must state whether they are under or over 18 years of age.

ENGINEER DEAD, FIREMAN HURT IN FRISCO WRECK

Springfield, Mo., June 20.—A south bound Frisco freight train was wrecked late yesterday between Okmulgee and Schulters, Okla., killing Engineer Edward J. Doity and seriously injuring Fireman M. C. Skaggs, both of Sapulpa. Fourteen cars, including six cars of oil, left the rails and piled up. The oil set the wreckage afire. The wreck was caused by a "sunk kink" in the rails.